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Ventura Water Reaches Important Milestone Toward State Water Interconnection Project: Public Invited to Submit Comments to Draft Environmental Impact Report

The City of Ventura announced today that it has reached a milestone in advancing its efforts to improve local water supply through a State Water Interconnection Project. As the lead agency for the project, the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is now available for public review and comment. The proposed project will allow the City to receive its imported water entitlement through a pipeline connecting from Calleguas Municipal Water District to the City of Ventura.

The connection will also facilitate direct delivery of State Water Project water to United Water Conservation District, and direct or in-lieu delivery to Casitas Municipal Water District. Additionally, the interconnection pipeline will allow the City to deliver water to Calleguas Municipal Water District during an outage of its imported water supplies.

Interested persons, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend a public meeting, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Water Commission meeting, to receive an overview and ask questions about the environmental analysis of the project.

Public Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Location: Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room (Room 202)

501 Poli Street Ventura, CA

Public comments on the Draft EIR are due no later than 5 PM on Friday, April 5, 2019.

Please direct your comments to:

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Upon completion of the environmental review process, the next steps include agency agreements, right-of-way agreements, permitting, final design, and bidding for construction.

Document Availability: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at:

- City of Ventura Planning Division, 501 Poli Street, Room117, Ventura, CA 93001
- City of Ventura E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001
- City of Ventura Avenue Library, 606 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001
- County of Ventura Saticoy Library, 1292 Los Angeles Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004
- www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1348/State-Water-Interconnection

For information on how to review the Draft EIR and submit comments, visit https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1348/State-Water-Interconnection.

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